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1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION OTHER SUBJECTS APRIL 19 GENERAL TOUFANIAN ASKED POL-MIL COUNS IF HE WAS FAMILIAR WITH US FIRM QUOTE AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION END QUOTE. POL-MIL COUNS REPLIED THAT HE WAS.

2. TOUFANIAN WENT ON TO STATE THAT COMPANY HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HIM BY TELEPHONE (AND APPARENTLY HAD SENT FOLLOW UP TELEX SINCE TOUFANIAN REFERRED TO ONE IN FILE HE WAS USING) ASKING HIM TO SEND A WRITTEN CERTIFICATION TO UNDERSECRETARY BUCY BENSON STATING THAT FUSE PARTS AND COMPONENTS AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION WISHED TO SELL TO IRAN WOULD BE USED QUOTE IN A VARIETY OF CONVENTIONAL BOMBS IN IRAN. END QUOTE. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT HE HAD REFUSED BECAUSE UNDERSECRETARY BENSON HAD NOT PUT SUCH QUESTION TO HIM. ADDITIONALLY, TOUFANIAN WAS NOT PREPARED TO MAKE AN INCORRECT CERTIFICATION.
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3. TOUFANIAN WENT ON TO SAY THAT HE HAD SENT TO AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION, IN RESPONSE TO A COMPANY REQUEST, A BRIEF LETTER (WHICH WAS ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE LINES LONG) IN WHICH HE STATED THAT NO US OFFICIAL HAD ASKED HIM ABOUT THE GOI INTENDED END USE OF THE FUSE PARTS AND COMPONENTS.

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4. POL-MIL COUNS REMINDED TOUFANIAN THAT SOME FOUR OR SO MONTHS AGO THE SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED WITH HIM (WITH RESULTS AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B). TOUFANIAN SAID HE COULD NOT RECALL THAT DISCUSSION CLEARLY, AND POL-MIL COUNS SAID IT HAD OCCURRED DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING ON A FAR MORE IMPORTANT SUBJECT AND HAD BEEN RELATIVELY BRIEF.

5. TOUFANIAN AGAIN MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS IN NO WAY CONCERNED IF AMERICAN GEAR AND PINION DID NOT GET EXPORT LICENSE. HE IS NOW TALKING ABOUT MAKING THE ITEMS IN ONE OF HIS FACTORIES, AND CONVEYED IMPRESSION THAT THIS COULD BE DONE.

6. COMMENT: THIS QUESTION AROSE AS AN OUTGROWTH OF DISCUSSION OF ANOTHER SUBJECT CONCERNING WHICH TOUFANIAN WAS BEING PRESSED TO CERTIFY SOMETHING THAT IS NOT TRUE. TOUFANIAN SEEMED TO WANT TO UNDERSCORE THE POINT THAT GOI WOULD NOT ENGAGE IN SUBTERFUGE IN SECURITY ASSISTANCE AREA, AND THAT GOI WISHED ALL ACTIVITY TO MEET BOTH LETTER AND SPIRIT OF US LAWS AND ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS. END COMMENT.
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